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SUBJECT: HUNGER STRIKES IN ARGENTINA

1. (U) TWO HUNGER STRIKES BY INDIVIDUALS DEMANDING CLARIFICATION OF THE FATE OF THE DISAPPEARED AND FREEDOM FOR "POLITICAL DETAINEES" ARE PRESENTLY UNDER WAY IN ARGENTINA. THE FIRST, WHICH HAS GONE ON FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS, IS TAKING PLACE IN THE CATHEDRAL OF NEUQUEN PROVINCE AND INVOLVED A LOCAL PRIEST AND FIVE RELATIVES OF THE DISAPPEARED. THE SECOND IS TAKING PLACE IN THE CATHEDRAL IN THE BUENOS AIRES SUBURB OF QUILMES AND BEGAN A WEEK AGO. IT INVOLVES A LOCAL PRIEST AND TEN WOMEN (SIX AT THE BEGINNING) FROM THE MOTHERS OF THE PLAZA DEL MAYO ORGANIZATION, ALL MOTHERS OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS.

2. COMMENT: **[REDACTED]** A LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST TOLD US DECEMBER 18 THAT HE EXPECTS THE NEUQUEN GROUP TO BREAK THEIR FAST DECEMBER 19 OR 20 AND THE QUILMES GROUP TO STOP ABOUT DECEMBER 25. BOTH STRIKES HAVE GAINED SOME PRESS ATTENTION. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THEM IN ANY WAY.

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